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Classified By: Political Counselor Ted Tanoue; Reasons 1.4(b)(c) and (d).

(S) POLMILOFF delivered reftel demarche to MFA Director for Non-proliferation, Arms Control and Counter-terrorism Dan Neculaescu on November 3. Neculaescu said that the Romanian inter-agency group on North Korea recently had finished a review of Romanian relations, and determined that no transfers of arms have taken place with the DPRK. He also noted that all agencies currently are working from executive orders to desist any and all economic transactions with DPRK. He added that he would circulate points from the U.S. non-paper (left per reftel instructions) to the relevant agencies for follow-up. The interagency group will note U.S. concerns about KOMID and its subsidiaries or entities. Finally, Neculasecu noted that any reports developed on KOMID will be passed to the U.S. through special channels if required. Taubman